

Good morning. My name is Jamie Davidson. I am a PCA Program Coordinator at the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) MassHealth Office of Long-term Services and Supports (OLTSS). I am here to present staff testimony on the proposed amendments to the regulation 130 CMR 422.000: Personal Care Attendant Services, with a proposed effective date of January 1, 2022.

The regulation 130 CMR 422.000 governs MassHealth providers of personal care services and provides program requirements for MassHealth members, Personal Care Attendants (or PCAs), Personal Care Management Agencies (or PCM agencies), and Fiscal Intermediaries (or FIs), and also provides conditions for payment related to the provision of personal care attendant services to MassHealth members.

The proposed amendments to 130 CMR 422.000 promote the effective operation of the MassHealth PCA program by clarifying program requirements and by updating the requirements to align with federal Medicaid requirements for electronic visit verification (or EVV) and the implementation of a signal FI. Specifically, the proposed amendments include the following:

- Requirements for the use of EVV by PCAs and MassHealth members, and EVV-related PCM agency and FI requirements, as required by Section 12006 of the federal 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act, and as required by EOHHS;
- Updated list of noncovered services to clarify that PCA services are not covered when provided to residents of group homes, and that PCA services must be provided with the use of EVV as required by EOHHS; and
- Incorporate technical edits to update the list of permissible payments and to account for a single Fiscal Intermediary.

The proposed revisions will not change or affect the total amount of hours of PCA services a member is authorized to receive.

The proposed amended regulation is planned to go into effect on January 1, 2022.

This concludes my testimony. Thank you.